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a.) Introductory Comments

40 This application is a divisional application of
application Serial No. 09/857,751 (the national phase of
PCT/US99/29946). Prior to taking up the application for
examination, please amend the application as follows.

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The parent application was subject to a requirement for restriction and was restricted to group I, drawn to a compound of formula I wherein Q¹ is pyridinyl. For the instant application, the election of group III, drawn to a 5 compound of formula I wherein Q¹ is pyrimidinyl, hereby is entered without traverse. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to delete the non-elected subject matter without prejudice to its being claimed in divisional applications.

In the parent application, certain claims were objected 10 to as improperly multiply dependent. The claims have been amended to obviate this basis for objection.

In the parent application, Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for stated reasons. Claims 1-3 and 13 have been amended to obviate the bases for 15 rejection. Claims 14-16 are cancelled in this preliminary amendment; so the issue is moot with respect to those claims.